

# Canine Bulletin

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## Annual SAR/Disaster Response Conference

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I have registered for an upcoming conference in Miami, Florida, June 2nd - 5th that I thought you might be interested in. It's an annual SAR/Disaster Response Conference offered to those of us involved in the field. For more details visit their web site at: <http://srdcr.com>, as the conference offers a wide variety of educational topics.

Specific to our purpose as canine search specialists they are offering what looks to be some valuable programs. They have an entire track of courses dedicated to FEMA USAR issues, as well as courses in extrication, confined space, haz mat, thermal imaging, terrorism incident command, the list goes on! I don't have time to mention everything listed, however some of the workshops I am interested in include:

- Understanding canine drives and the role of the helper. By Garrett Dyer.
- Applied Building Search
- Motivation - the Key to Better Performance
- Age is Just a Number (changes that take place as the SAR dog ages)
- Using positive reinforcement to solve conflicts between dogs
- Canine SAR Cadaver Training - special 2 day pre conference workshop
- International Deployment for the USAR Task Force
- SAR Safety: Helicopter Awareness (actual hot load into and out of a rescue helicopter. For canine handlers this is a great opportunity to see how your dog reacts to the chopper!)

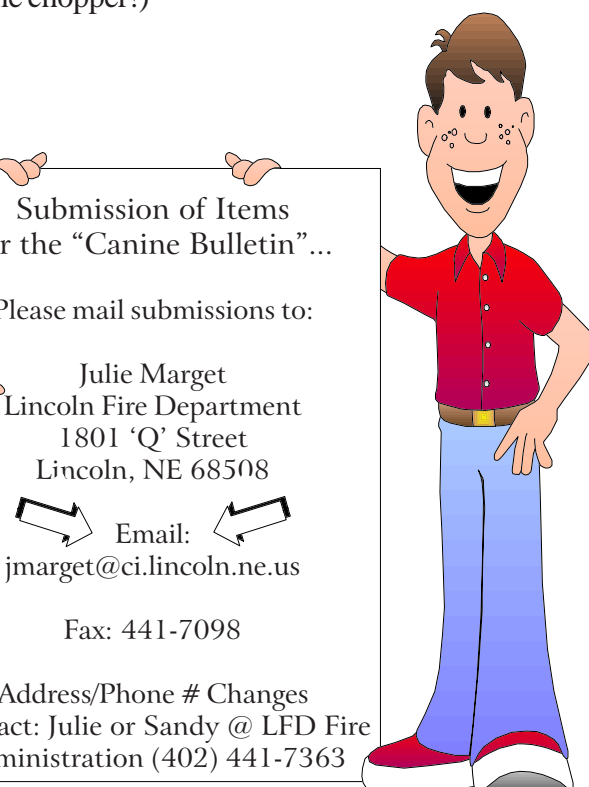

This is just the preliminary schedule, but I think it has a lot to offer. I would love to have some company on this venture if anyone is interested! Early bird registration is only \$179.00 for the conference and the hotel is \$81.00 per night (beach front!).



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